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FOUR LANING OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding four-laning of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) whether the four-laning works of National Highways in these States are slow;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the extent to which loss has been suffered and cost overrun caused due to delay; and

(e) the criteria laid down for providing green belt along the National Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) The status of 4-laning being done by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Maharashtra and Gujarat are as under:

(Length in km.)

State	Total Length 4-laned	Completed/ Under Implementation	Balance for Award
Madhya Pradesh	834	42	648	144
Rajasthan	1778	742	722	314
Uttar Pradesh	2023	699	1232	92
Chattisgarh	153	18	45	90
Maharashtra	1457	597	467	393
Gujarat	1425	637	686	102

(b) and (c) There has been delays in some contracts due to problem associated with acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, difficulty in environment and forest clearances, poor performance of some contractors, termination of some contracts etc.

(d) The overall expenditure on National Highways Development Project Phase-I is within approved estimated cost allowing for escalation.

(e) NHAI has developed a tree plantation strategy for providing green belt along the National Highways. The tree plantation strategy provides for detailed technical specification for undertaking plantation work.